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1. Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment

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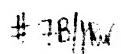
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For: SYNTHETIC NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES FOR 2,5-DIKETO-D- GLUCONIC ACID REDUCTASES AND ASSOCIATED METHODS	) ) ) )

# RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2002, please enter the election and amend the above application as follows.

# **Election of Claims**

Applicant, with traverse, elects the claims in Group I for further prosecution at this time. that is, Claims 1-18 and 40-43. Applicant, however, respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction as to Groups I and II for the reasons set forth below.

#### In the Claims

Please cancel without prejudice non-elected Claims 38, 39, 44-48, and 53-58.